(*d*) No.

(*e*) Rs. 25,168—10—7.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Does this Rs. 25,000 represent the collection from double crop lands alone?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): That sum represents the tax from all the lands coming under compounded double crop system.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL—KUNNAMKULAM

165. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire and report into:—

(*a*) the dirty, insanitary and dilapidated condition of the tiffin shed of the Girls' High School, Kunnamkulam;

(*b*) the dark condition of the rooms in which the classes of the Lower Secondary section of the Girls' High School are held;

(*c*) the smallness and the uselessness of the latrine arrangements for girls;

(*d*) the absence of compound wall and space for games for girls;

(*e*) whether the Headmistress, Inspectress and the Director have not brought these necessities before the notice of the Government;

(*f*) if the answer is in the affirmative, if the Government be pleased to state why these important necessities were delayed so long;

(*g*) do not the Government realise that these are real necessities for the welfare of the girls studying in the school;

(*h*) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to finish these works in 1115?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) The tiffin shed is not in a quite satisfactory condition.

(*b*) The roof of the semi-permanent shed being not sufficiently high some of the classes do not get sufficient light on cloudy days. Some improvements have been suggested, but for want of funds it has not been possible to carry them out. If full satisfaction has to be secured the building will have to be replaced by a permanent building.

(*c*) The present latrine is sufficient. There is only one urinal of 2 compartments each 23' long. As there are about 500 students, one more urinal is desirable.

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(*d*) Compound walls are of course, good in themselves, but when there are more urgent calls on the limited funds, these have necessarily to wait. As for games, better facilities can be provided only when the adjoining compound is acquired. Financial stringency stands in the way of effecting it in the near future.

(*e*) Some of the deficiencies have been brought to the notice.

(*f*) Financial stringency is the only reason why these are delayed.

(*g*) Of course, if ideal conditions are to be set up.

(*h*) No such assurance can be given. The defects will be sought to be rectified as and when funds permit.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): With reference to (*b*), when constructing the permanent building, will they be pleased to make it more ventilated by raising the walls a bit higher?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The matter was enquired into and I am told by the expert that it may not be quite safe to put a better roof if the existing walls are to be kept as such.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): With reference to (*a*), can't the Government improve the shed from the P. C. R.?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The amount needed to improve will be more and so it has found a place in the list of original works. But in view of your present suggestion, the matter will be re-considered.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): When will the additional urinal be put up?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): It will be done very soon.

176. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether cookery is taught in the Government Girls' High School, at Kunnamkulam;

(*b*) if the answer for division (*a*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to inform the House;

(*i*) whether there is any special class-room in the school for this;

(*ii*) whether the girls are taught practical cooking?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) (*i*) No.
(*ii*) No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Without practical training in cooking what is the necessity of training in cookery?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There are two heads of training under cookery—one as an optional subject and the second general training in cooking. With regard to the second some kind of training is possible and is being given. There is a matron attached to the school.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Cannot the tiffin shed be partitioned?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I enquired about it but the headmistress thinks that as things are at present, the tiffin shed itself is too small and some of the girl students go and squat on the verandah during the interval to take their tiffin.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Cannot a semi-permanent shed be erected?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I tried to explain before. This school requires some improvements. I assure the hon'ble member that the matter will be taken into consideration as soon as funds permit.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): In consideration of the realisation of these deficiencies in the school, will the Government be pleased to adopt some three year plan for improving the school?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not know how far it will be possible, because our funds are limited. I may assure on behalf of the Government that this will receive their earnest and very early attention.

TEXT BOOKS—PRINTING AND PUBLISHING BY GOVERNMENT—PROGRESS MADE.

167. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Will he Government be pleased to state the progress they have effected in themselves printing and publishing text-books ever since motion No. 62 was discussed in the House on 29th Karkadagam 1112?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Nil.

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